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TO: C/Assistant Administrator for Commercial Programs  
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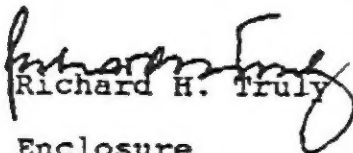
FROM: A/Administrator

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority--Joint-Sponsored Research  
Project for Technology Transfer and Commercialization

In order to ensure the broadest possible utilization of NASA-developed technology by the U.S. private sector, I am today authorizing a limited delegation of my authority under the Space Act to establish a pilot program for Joint-Sponsored Research Projects. Under this program, the Agency may jointly fund with private sector entities technology research and development activities that further Agency goals and missions.

This delegation is to the Assistant Administrator for Commercial Programs (Code C) and the Associate Administrator for Aeronautics and Space Technology (Code R). During the two-year term of the delegation, Code C's role is to disseminate information on the Joint-Sponsored Research Agreement (JSRA) pilot program, locate potential private sector JSRA partners, facilitate agreement formulation, and encourage commercialization of resulting technologies. Code R's role is to select and fund JSRA projects which advance Agency aeronautical and space technology goals.

As part of this delegation, I am requiring you to report to the Administrator on the efficacy of the JSRA as an Agency technology transfer tool and to recommend changes or expansions of this program to ensure the best possible return for the nation from taxpayer-sponsored NASA research.

  
Richard H. Truly

Enclosure